REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-18 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1-18 have been amended.

Corrected Filing Receipt

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.

Priority

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.55, Applicants intend to submit certified copies of the priority documents upon receipt of favorable action in the present application and prior to payment of any issue fees.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciates Examiner's careful review of this application and allowance of Claims 1-18. Applicants have amended Claims 1-18 to overcome the informality objections.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on December 17, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered and cited in the examination of the above-referenced application. Applicants attach a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed December 17, 2004 for the Examiner's convenience and a copy of the postcard receipt evidencing receipt by the Patent Office.

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Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Bruce W. Slayden II at 512.322.2606. Applicants enclose a Change of Correspondence Address for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 1-18 as amended.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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